

WAC 220-36-023 Salmon - Grays Harbor fall fishery. August 16 through December 31 of each year, it is unlawful to fish for salmon in Grays Harbor for commercial purposes or to possess salmon taken from those waters for commercial purposes, except that:

Fishing periods

(1) Gill net gear may be used to fish for salmon and sturgeon. All nonlegal sturgeon and nonlegal steelhead must be handled with care to minimize injury to the fish and must be released immediately to the river/bay:

Time:

Areas:

Area 2C

6:00 p.m. October 11 through
6:00 p.m. October 12, 2008

AND

6:00 p.m. October 15 through
6:00 p.m. October 16, 2008

7:00 a.m. October 8 through 7:00 p.m. October 8, 2008,	That portion of Area 2A upstream from the Highway 101 Bridge at Aberdeen, to a line projected from the Lakeside Industries asphalt plant tower at a right angle to the thread of the stream to the opposite shore.
7:00 a.m. October 9 through 7:00 p.m. October 9, 2008,	
7:00 a.m. October 10 through 7:00 p.m. October 10, 2008	

AND

That portion of **Area 2D**
lying easterly of a north-
south line from the
confluence of the Hoquiam
and Chehalis rivers to
Renney Island, then easterly
to Range Marker G, then to
the eastern boundary of Area
2D at the Highway 101
Bridge.

Gear.

(2) Gillnet gear restrictions: All Areas:

- (a) Drift gill net gear only. It is unlawful to use set net gear.
- (b) 6-inch maximum mesh restriction, no more than 55 meshes deep.
- (c) Soak time shall not exceed 45 minutes. Soak time, defined as the time elapsed from when the first of the gill net web is deployed into the water until the gill net web is fully retrieved from the water, must not exceed 45 minutes.
- (d) Each boat will be required to have two operable recovery boxes or one box with two chambers, on board when fishing Area 2A/2D, October 8, 9, & 10, 2008. Each box shall be operating during any time the net is being retrieved or picked. The flow in the recovery box will be a minimum of 16 gallons per minute in each chamber of the box, not to exceed 20 gallons per minute. Each chamber of the recovery box must meet the following dimensions as measured from within the box; the inside length measurement must be at or within 39 1/2 inches to 48 inches, the inside width measurements must be at or within 8 to 10 inches, and the inside height measurement must be at or within 14 to 16 inches. Each chamber of the recovery box must include a water inlet hole between 3/4 inch and 1 inch in diameter, centered horizontally across the door or wall of chamber and 1 3/4 inches from the floor of the chamber. Each chamber of the recovery box must include a water outlet hole opposite the inflow that is at least 1 1/2 inches in diameter. The center of the outlet hole must be located a minimum of 12 inches above the floor of the box or chamber. The fisher must demonstrate to department employees, fish and wildlife enforcement officers, or other peace officers, upon request, that the pumping system is delivering the proper volume of fresh river/bay water into each chamber.
- (e) All chinook, nonlegal sturgeon and steelhead must be handled with care to minimize injury to the fish and released immediately to the river/bay or to an operating recovery box.
- (f) Any fish that is bleeding or lethargic must be placed in the recover box prior to being released to the river/bay
- (g) All fish placed in recovery boxes must be

released to the river/bay prior to landing or docking.

Other

(3) Quick reporting is required for wholesale dealers and fishers retailing their catch under a "direct retail endorsement." According to WAC 220-69-240(12), reports must be made by 10:00 a.m. the day following landing

(4) Fishers must take department observers if requested by WDFW staff when participating in these openings and provide Notice of Intent to Participate to Quick Reporting phone, fax or email, WAC 220-69-240, prior to 10:00 a.m. October 6th for the October 8th through the 10th openings in Area 2A/2D

(5) The NOAA Fisheries has listed the southern population of green sturgeon as threatened under the Endangered Species Act, effective July 6, 2006. Most of the green sturgeon taken in Washington fisheries are from the southern population. Therefore, **the retention of green sturgeon is prohibited to protect this federally listed stock.**

[Statutory Authority: RCW 77.04.020, 77.12.047, and 77.65.200.07-17-010, § 220-36-023, filed 8/3/07, effective 9/3/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 77.12.047. 05-17-006 (Order 05-167), § 220-36-023, filed 8/3/05, effective 9/3/05; 04-16-013 (Order 04-183), § 220-36-023, filed 7/22/04, effective 8/22/04; 03-18-004 (Order 03-208), § 220-36-023, filed 8/20/03, effective 9/20/03; 01-13-055 (Order 01-104), § 220-36-023, filed 6/15/01, effective 7/16/01; 00-23-065 (Order 00-240), § 220-36-023, filed 11/15/00, effective 12/16/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 75.08.080. 99-24-104 (Order 99-206), § 220-36-023, filed 11/30/99, effective 12/31/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 75.08.080 and 77.12.040. 98-15-081 (Order 98-122), § 220-36-023, filed 7/15/98, effective 8/15/98. Statutory Authority: RCW 75.08.080. 97-15-148 (Order 97-123), § 220-36-023, filed 7/23/97, effective 8/23/97; 96-13-035 (Order 96-77), § 220-36-023, filed 6/11/96, effective 7/12/96; 95-13-065 (Order 95-76), § 220-36-023, filed 6/19/95, effective 7/20/95; 94-13-014 (Order 94-46), § 220-36-023, filed 6/3/94, effective 7/4/94; 93-14-042 (Order 93-54), § 220-36-023, filed 6/29/93, effective 7/30/93; 90-18-023 (Order 90-77), § 220-36-023, filed 8/24/90, effective 9/24/90; 89-16-056 (Order 89-71), § 220-36-023, filed 7/28/89, effective 8/28/89.]